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**SUBSTITUTE REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(B)(1)**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006 and Advisory Action mailed December 13, 2006. The response period is presently set to expire on December 21, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: